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Councilmember Gloria Unveils New Bus Shelters in City Heights

Twenty New Community Amenities Obtained by City Heights Business Association

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (September 25, 2009) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria will join the City Heights Business Association (CHBA) to cut the ribbon on new bus shelters in City Heights on Friday, September 25 at 10:15 a.m. in front of the City Heights – Weingart Branch Library located at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. CHBA purchased and installed 20 new bus shelters throughout the community through the use of City Heights Redevelopment Project Area funds.

“City Heights is a very transit-friendly area, and these new bus shelters are practical and attractive additions to our neighborhood,” said Councilmember Gloria. “I appreciate the City Heights Business Association for making this project happen.”

The need for more bus shelters in the City Heights community was identified by the CHBA four years ago. Originally, four shelters were funded through the successful application for Community Development Block Grant funds. The CHBA then identified an additional 20 bus stop locations with City Heights that lacked much needed shade and seating. The CHBA presented their bus shelter proposal to the City Heights Project Area Committee (PAC) and the PAC, which serves as an advisory committee to the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency, recommended the CHBA’s funding request. Agency staff and the CHBA work closely with one another to prepare and administer an agreement for the bus shelters and benches using redevelopment funds.

“The residents of City Heights are pleased that after a long and difficult process, we finally have the bus shelters we worked so hard to get,” said Enrique Gandarilla, Executive Director of City Heights Business Association.



Bus Shelters Ribbon Cutting

WHEN: Friday, September 25 at 10:15 a.m.
WHERE: Weingart Branch Library
3795 Fairmount Ave., San Diego, CA 92105
WHO: Todd Gloria, District Three Councilmember, City of San Diego
Enrique Gandarilla, Executive Director, City Heights Business Association
WHY: A community-led effort brought about significant additions of bus shelters to a transit-focused neighborhood.

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About the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego, created by the City Council in 1958, uses special legal and financial mechanisms to eliminate blight and improve economic and physical conditions in designated areas of the City. The Agency's purview encompasses 17 project areas, study areas and affordable housing. Activities within the project areas are carried out by the city's Redevelopment Division and two public, nonprofit city corporations: Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) and Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). The Agency also administers seven Project Area Committees (PAC) who advise the agency on the adoption of redevelopment plans and implementing redevelopment projects. For more information, visit: www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/

About CHBA

The City Heights Business Association is a non-profit membership organization serving the business and property owners of the City Heights Business Improvement District and the City Heights Maintenance Agreement District. The mission of CHBA is to build and support a vibrant business community while promoting City Heights as an International Marketplace.

